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BETHEL, MAINE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1917.

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MORRIS PRATT'S BIRTHDAY

Exercises Held At Gould's Academy In Observance

Owing to the Thanksgiving recess, exercises in recognition of the birthday of Morris Pratt were not observed until Dec. 11th. On that date all class exercises at the Academy were suspended at three o'clock, and teachers and pupils gathered in the Assembly Room to participate in the observance of this honored birthday.

In addition to the school there was present a large number of interested friends, who showed by their presence, not only their loyalty to the school, but their cordial sympathy with the spirit and purpose of the occasion.

A delightful program had been arranged under the direction of Mrs. J. G. Gehring, and the same was carried out in a most effective manner as follows:

Introductory Remarks.
Principal F. E. Hanson.
Song, "The Lord Is My Shepherd."
Piano Solo, "The Lord Is My Shepherd."
Group of Songs, "The Lord Is My Shepherd."
Address, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by Mrs. J. G. Gehring.

Address, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by Hon. William W. Thomas. Principal Hanson sounded the keynote by referring briefly to the purpose of the exercises and the uplifting influence of these annual gatherings upon the student body.

Mr. Thomas is always a favorite upon a Bethel program, and his deep, rich voice never gave more pleasure than upon this occasion.

Mrs. Thomas, though a stranger within our gates, graciously consented to fill a gap in the program, and rendered a piano solo in a delightful manner. She was enthusiastically recalled, and responded with a Swedish "Song Without Words," which was greatly enjoyed.

Miss McQuaid appeared before a Bethel audience for the first time, and sang in a manner that gave pleasure to all present.

Mrs. Gehring was at her best, and her address was listened to with rapt attention. The American flag draped above the platform served to emphasize the major note of patriotism that characterized her theme. Her address is here given in full.

Since we last met to observe this beloved birthday, which was this year kept Morris Pratt so vividly as a part of our life in this community, since I last looked into your eyes, our world is changed.

A year ago we looked across the ocean with deepest sympathy; today we, as well as needing what we then so earnestly bestowed. Not one person here today but is or will be affected directly or indirectly by this great war which has swept us into a terrible whirlpool of misery. Your young lives are to become different because of this menace across the sea. We are not prepared as a nation for this great experience. As individuals we must prepare ourselves.

You young freeborn citizens of a great republic have taken the United States of America as you have the air you breathe, or the sunshine that falls upon you. You have never realized your privilege in being born Americans. But hold your position with a new reverence—If right wins. If right prevails, the lost will press even more heavily upon these born free than upon those whose whole lives have been under the yoke of military despotism. I have often remarked when in Europe the absence of the joyous, hopeful, expectant expression upon young faces that seems to be the birthright of the American child. It really may be a part of the influence a Republic exerts.

I will remember standing one day looking over the Roman Forum, noting the ruins of great temples and palaces of power and saying, "Rome was once a Republic; will our own Republic of the United States ever be spoken of as a thing of the past?" There has been too many years an uneasy sense of apprehension that our country might lose its rare position; that perhaps we had been thoughtless in our generosity in opening our doors too wide. Wise souls have felt that some great development must come to make this haven of peace and hope secure and permanent. This may be the awful rugged pathway by which the United States may climb to become an even greater inspiration to the world: A Republic that shall lead by its principles, not alone by its arms.

We owe you young students some book endorsed by the high school, postpaid. With a year's achievement, Mr. C. S. Frost, Associate, Trust Building, Washington, D. C.

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RED CROSS NOTES

A large shipment of surgical dressings was sent as the work of the month of November, which received high praise from headquarters for the quality of the gauze work.

271 Christmas bags were filled and sent in November. The work was done under the supervision of Mrs. Park, Miss Hamlin and Mr. Pollard and the workers deserve the highest praise for their splendid service.

There is great need of surgical dressings. The call for them is most urgent and imperative.

We need more workers in gauze at the Red Cross rooms. Please come to help us. It has been suggested by one young man that he and others would come to work evenings if the Red Cross rooms were opened then. With the new electric lights, for which we are indebted to Mr. Springer, it is perfectly possible to work on Tuesday and Friday evenings, and the rooms will be open then if a sufficient number will volunteer to make it worth while. Your help is greatly needed and needed at once.

The following is a clipping from a New York paper:

"A serious, calamity and national disgrace are inevitable," if surgical dressings are not sent to France with all possible speed, according to a cablegram from Major Grayson M. P. Murphy, head of the American Red Cross in France, which was made public recently by headquarters here of the American Fund for French Wounded.

"Surgical dressings must be sent in millions," the cable read.

Mr. Fred A. Tibbets adds to his patriotic service by taking charge of Bethel's Red Cross Drive for new members. Soliciting is in the hands of the alert and efficient Boy Scouts. Our quota is 150 new members. So far we have not failed in anything which has been demanded of us, but have been proud and happy in exceeding our quota in every case.

Yes, we know that one wants every penny and the dust of a penny at Christmas time. This seems to many of us the saddest Christmas the world has ever seen. The one bright spot, the one thing which makes it bearable, is in the glorious spirit of self-sacrifice and desire for service everywhere manifest.

It seems as if every one must feel a sense of uplift and satisfaction in being members of such a marvelous organization as the American Red Cross. In this Christmas drive only new memberships count. But it will certainly occur to old members who wish to help the cause that they may do so by making their friends members as an expression of Christmas goodwill. Especially has it been suggested, and surely the idea must appeal to many, that children and young people would in many cases appreciate the gift of a membership, and value, as one who looks back upon his own childhood will understand, being affiliated with the Red Cross.

How about making every one of those helpful Boy Scouts a member? Anyway think it over and help in every way you can. Let every house show a Red Cross Service Flag. As Roosevelt said on Sunday in speaking for the Drive of the coming week, "It may be a sacrifice but oh, what a glorious sacrifice."

Mr. Bartlett was a member of the Congregational church, an honest and industrious man, known best in his home where in these later years he has been devoted to his little grandchildren.

Besides his daughter he is survived by twelve grandchildren, a brother, Levi N. Bartlett of Bethel and a sister, Mrs. Mary Dwyer of Central, Mass.

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GOULD'S ACADEMY

Ray Parker is visiting his brother in Bath.

Edith Soper is spending the vacation with her mother in Lynn, Mass.

The basket ball game at Colebrook has been postponed to a later date.

Mrs. Kenston and family are spending the vacation with relatives in Bath.

The Academy closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation. Jan. 1 is the date of reopening. Holden Hall is also closed.

A tablet inscribed with the school motto, "To Thine Own Self Be True," has recently been hung behind the principal's desk. This tablet is the gift of the alumni.

The teachers are spending the vacation at their several homes. Miss Whitman in South Paris, Miss McQuaid in Mount Vernon, Miss Pratt in Reading, Mass., and Mr. Small in Bowdoinham.

Thursday afternoon from 2.30 to 4 the Normal classes entertained friends. There was a short program illustrating the work of the department, a Christmas tree with a remembrance for each one present. Hot chocolate and sandwiches were served by the girls. It was a most interesting and enjoyable occasion.

The basket ball girls have organized as follows: First team: Ruth Cole, captain and guard; Myrtle Decker, guard; Alma Cheney and Doris Moore, forwards; Bernice Keddy, center; Jennie Benn and Edith Cummings, substitutes. On the second team are Helen Clark, Vivian Jackson, Chas. Sweet, Pauline King.

On account of the snow storm Thursday night some of the students were unable to reach their homes Friday as planned. Lester and Chas Brooks were obliged to wait over, as the stage would not take passengers. Marion Wilson spent Sunday with Doris Moore, planning to go to her father's camp on Monday.

J. DANA BARTLETT

Mr. J. Dana Bartlett died at the M. O. Hospital in Lewiston last Wednesday from blood poisoning resulting from a slight scratch on the hand.

Mr. Bartlett was born in Greenwood 68 years ago, the son of the late Sylvanus and Mary Jane Bartlett. He married Octavia Rowe, daughter of the late Caleb and Abigail Plummer Rowe, and after their death resided on the Rowe homestead farm in Bethel. Two children came into their home, Winona, who married Merton Fog of Milan, N. H., and Edwin who died in 1916. For several years after the death of his wife he made his home with his daughter but after the death of his son he returned to Bethel and assumed the care of the homestead farm with his daughter-in-law who was left a widow with five small children.

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GRANGE NEWS

NEW CENTURY POMONA

New Century Pomona Grange met with Canton Grange, Wednesday with a fair attendance. The following officers were elected:

Master—John Briggs.
Overseer—Ira T. Wing.
Lecturer—Mrs. Mae F. Robinson.
Secretary—Mrs. Myra Braden.
Treasurer—A. F. Russell.
Chaplain—Mrs. Helen A. Eastman.
Steward—Samuel Stetson.
Asst. Steward—Winfield Mitchell.
Gate Keeper—Winfield Mitchell.
Ceres—Mrs. Ira T. Wing.
Flora—Mrs. Estella C. Briggs.
L. A. Steward—Miss Doris Galloup.
Executive Committee—H. H. Richards, O. L. Varney.
A short program followed.

UPTON GRANGE

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
Master—Guy I. Pratt.
Overseer—Edw. Warren.
Lecturer—Helen Abbott.
Steward—Hollis Abbott.
Asst. Steward—Albert Warren.
Chaplain—Jennie Judkins.
Treasurer—Corra Abbott.
Secretary—Bertha Judkins.
Gate Keeper—Bennett M. Bartlett.
Pomona—Ruth Coolidge.
Ceres—George Pratt.
Flora—Rena Lane.
L. A. Steward—Bikel Warren.
Pianist—Mabel Warren.

ALDER RIVER GRANGE

Alder River Grange held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 12, all officers being present excepting Treasurer and Pomona. Literary program: Piano music by Miss Edna Bartlett; Singing patriotic songs, and songs from Grange Melodies by the Grange; Talk on seed saving by members; Discussion of question, "Resolved that women should have equal suffrage with men." Unanimously decided in the affirmative.

Worthy Lecturer requested all to be prepared for Christmas program at the next meeting.

On motion voted to elect officers for the year 1918 at next meeting when light refreshments will be served.

BETHEL GRANGE

Bethel Grange held its last regular meeting Dec. 13. Owing to death in the Master's family he and his wife were unable to be present. The following officers were elected to serve for the year 1918:

Master—Byron Cummings.
Overseer—George Hapgood.
Lecturer—Ella Lyon.
Asst. Steward—Charles Cole.
Chaplain—Mrs. B. Bartlett.
Treasurer—Mary Cummings.

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MRS. ST. JOHN HASTINGS

The funeral of Mrs. St. John Hastings, who died suddenly early Monday morning was held at the Hastings homestead, Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

Elizabeth Atherton Hastings was born in Waterford, March 10, 1855, the daughter of Josiah and Betsy Carter Atherton.

She was married on May 22, 1885, to St. John Hastings, who died in 1909. To them were born eight children, seven of whom are living, one daughter, Cora, having died about twenty years ago.

Those who survive her are: Miss Fannie and Major W. who have remained at the home in Bethel, Hon. H. H. Hastings of Bethel, Mrs. Chas. Kenney of Portland, Miss Maria of Auburn, Chas. H. and Miss Carrie Hastings of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Hastings passing was typical of her life. Entering the unknown with the same serenity that she met each day through a long and useful life.

That life a lesson of contentedness, for she found enjoyment in simple pleasures, her home and children and these children now call her blessed.

JACOB A. THURSTON

Mr. Jacob A. Thurston died at his home in Mayville last Sunday morning. A more extended notice will be given next week.

WHOOPIING COUGH

There are a number of cases of whooping cough in town and, in view of the fact that children will be gathering at the different entertainments and Christmas trees, all children who have coughs should remain at home and not mingle with other children.

BOARD OF HEALTH

I. H. WICK, Chairman.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Services appropriate to Christmas next Sunday at 10.45 a.m.
Sunday School at 12. It is desirable that all members of the school may be present next Sunday, then they will know about the Christmas exercises, and tree on Monday evening.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Christmas sermon with Christmas music at 10.45, Sunday morning. Sunday School at 12. Christian Endeavor service at 7 in the evening. Topic, "The Christmas Spirit, Christmas Giving." A leaderless meeting, free for all.
The Tuesday evening prayer meeting met at Den. J. U. Purington's.
The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Upton, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services in the Methodist church: Morning worship at 10.45 with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The song of the Angels." Christmas music will be rendered by the choir. Sunday school at 12 with election of officers. Men's class will meet in the glass room, officers for the coming year will be elected.
Junior League at 3.00.
Christmas exercises by the Sunday school in the evening at 7.00. All welcome.

Monday night the supper and Christmas tree for the Sunday school. The supper will be held in the men's class room. The Christmas tree will be in the auditorium.

A very interesting service took place in the church last Sunday morning when the men's bible class presented to the church a Service Flag containing 9 stars. The pastor made a short address appropriate for the occasion speaking of the young men of the Methodist church and constituency who had answered to the call of their country, and then in behalf of the class presented the flag to the church. The flag is suspended from the transom in front of the pulpit and was furled at the close of the address the congregation were asked to stand and at the signal from the pastor Allen Gott pulled the cord and as the flag unfurled the audience sang America. Three more stars will be added to the flag as soon as they arrive.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church will hold its bi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Ella Jordan, Thursday evening, Dec. 20. Following is the program:

Devotional exercises and business session conducted by the President, Mohammedan, Mrs. Springer Study Book, Chapter 2, under the Crescent and among the Kurds, Mrs. Alice Jordan Reading, You Didn't Tell Me, Mrs. Tyler

Clippings concerning Africa, Members Mrs. Lovejoy is leader for the evening. All women cordially invited. Come and bring your knitting.

JODREY-GOODNOW.

Henry Sidney Jodrey of Bethel and Samantha Mason Goodnow of Gerham, N. H., were united in marriage Dec. 15 by Rev. J. H. Little, using the single ring service.

The best wishes of many friends in Bethel and Gerham are with them in their new home, the former home of Mr. Jodrey on Main street, Bethel.

MEN'S CLUB

Dr. Geo. M. Twichell of Auburn will speak before the Men's Club at Bethel Inn on Wednesday evening, Dec. 26. His subject will be "Home Gardening" and a very interesting talk is assured.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

Wanted—applications for positions as clerks in our subscription department from girls with a fair to good education. If your application is accepted, you will be started at \$7 a week and will be raised just as rapidly and just as high as your work justifies. There is no salary limit with us. You will, if you choose, be given a chance to learn typing, stencil cutting, letter writing and other jobs at which extra good pay can be earned and you will have a direct line of advancement open to you to some of the highest positions in the establishment. Our publishing business holds a bright future for ambitious girls who are willing to work—and if you are such a girl we hope you will write us. We shall be pleased to send you free our illustrated booklet, "Working for COMFORT." This will give you an idea of the place, the work and the future it offers. Then, if you like the prospects here, you can put in your application. Why not write today for this booklet to G. H. Cassett, Publishing Department, O. C. Augusta, Me. 12-13-17.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

WANT COLUMN.

Put your Want and Sale notices here and they will be read in 5,000 Oxford County homes—4 lines, 1 week, 25c. 3 weeks 50c.

NOTICE.

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Practice limited to diseases of the Eye and the fitting of Glasses. Office at house of Clarence Hall, Bethel. All work guaranteed.

Office hours—5.30 A. M. to 4.00 P. M.

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See what we have for you this Week:

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Nutmeg, Ground, 9c
Brown Baked Crackers, 41c
Corn Starch, 9c
Elastic Starch, 10c

Onions, 4 lbs., 19c
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We take eggs in exchange for groceries.

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Watch for prices every week.

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Two sets double sleds, two traverses, runner pump, two set double harness, two single harness.

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In first class condition. Price \$20. Inquire at Citizens Office. 12-13-17

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Bethel National Bank will be held in the banking room of said bank, in Bethel, Maine, on Tuesday the eighth day of January, 1918, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ELKHOFF C. PARK, Cashier.

November 18th, 1917.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

Are we spoiling our children by extravagant giving? Have we allowed the honest joys of Christmas to pass away and installed the commercial Christmas present? Have we allowed the keeping of Christmas to become an obligation and burden, in place of an opportunity for happiness? Many of us spend more than we can afford for our children; we dread the criticism of our acquaintances, we do not wish the presents of our children overshadowed by the presents of other people's children; and often we do go far beyond our means and spoil our children by our extravagance. Children become unreasonable in their demands, and hand in their Christmas orders with no regard to the parent's income, and they have an assurance that they will get what they want. It is time to teach our children that Christmas is a time for happiness and rejoicing, not a time for buying things that we cannot afford. One mother writes:—"Our children have become so extravagant in their demands for Christmas presents, that we have decided to buy no presents, but to keep the Christmas festival, to make it a time of joy and mirth and unselfish pleasure. We want to make it a day to be looked forward to with eager anticipation, to be enjoyed wholeheartedly; we are going to resurrect the Christmas games; the bubbling, overflowing spirit of mirth and joy; we want our children to be looking forward to the Christmas festival, and not in a lordly self-assertive manner, to be looking forward to gifts we cannot afford to buy." Many of us are in sympathy with those who wish to bring back the sweet, old, traditional Christmas observances. Our Christmas happiness is not measured by the money we have or have not, but the quality that makes the occasion rich is the spirit we bring to it. Good will will create a good time. We all work and plan to bring joy to the children; no dearer privilege is ours than this; our children are easily made happy; it is not what we give them, as much as what we do for them, that insures their gratification. Why not make them happy by our sympathy, our cooperation in what interests them, give them simple gifts, and not spoil them by buying presents we cannot afford. The peace and good will is found in the family celebration; bearing upmost that should be the guiding spirit of Christmas. It would be better for us all if we could revive the old fashioned family circle, with common interest and common amusements. Let not our Christmas joy be shaded with the seriousness of buying beyond our means. Simplicity and sincerity are worth

striving for, and my Christmas wish is, that each of us may have a simple sincere and happy Christmas.

Home Christmas.

Gift making in the home is one of the most gracious features of Christmas, and I pray it may survive all other out-grown customs. When we have as our close counselors, love and sympathy, we will not leave out of our child's stocking the little thing he has set his heart upon possessing. Sometimes it is beyond us to gratify a child's wish, then we can explain to him that he can not have a gift that costs so much money, and we can make an effort to find something as near to the original desire as possible. Often we convert the Christmas season into a sort of convenient affair for ourselves, giving the child the needed clothing that he never accepts in his heart as Christmas presents. I think it is a poverty stricken soul which does not throw itself heartily into the work of helping forward the good time the young mind accepts with gratitude. The children have their own little plans and ideas, and they want our sympathy, our companionship and hearty cooperation in what interests them. An example of true interest and sympathy is not lost upon children; they are willing to reciprocate and live up to their little knowledge if they have the opportunity, and a part of the great pleasure in life is to encourage in our children the same generosity and kindness we cultivate in ourselves. Fresh, unspoiled natures that have not been hardened by embittered experiences learn to be kind, sympathetic and generous. I like the traditional Christmas tree, we always had one in my childhood home, and through all these years the memory of them has been a pleasure and satisfaction, and I bless the dear hearts and the willing hands that were always so cheerfully ready to give us pleasure. Nothing was too much for my father and mother to do for their six children; there was no grumbling, no complaining, but a happiness to them to do anything necessary for our comfort and pleasure. Now, when we talk of the good times we had in the old home, the extra work that mother and father did that we might have a "good-time world," my mother, who is now eighty-five years of age, will say:—"We never did one thing we didn't want to do; it was all such happiness to us." I love the sweet old traditional observance of Christmas day. If parents, with or without money, have the good will they will create a good time for the children.—S. B.

After Christmas.

Very soon it will be the week after Christmas, and it will be a formidable thing to encounter. There are the ribbons that tied the packages, the Christmas cards, the wreaths of boxes; then so many gifts that are mislaid; what can be done with them? And the children's toys! they are tired of them now, just a week after Christmas; then so many of them wouldn't work as they thought they would. We sent so many

gifts that we know were not appreciated; and there were so many expecting presents whom we forgot; and we spent so much more money than we could afford, and we face the New Year in debt for Christmas presents. We are tired; the depleted nerves and the over excitement of it all leads us to pause and ask, "Is it worth while?" Does the Christmas balance sheet show a plus quantity on the credit side? Let us all consider a sane Christmas. Why should we make Christmas a sad affair of barter and exchange.—G. D.

Word and Works.

EAST BETHEL

Mrs. Lucetta Bean has returned from Norway.

Mrs. Elta Bartlett has gone to Berlin, N. H., for several weeks, the guest of relatives there.

Robert and William Hastings are at home from Gould's Academy for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Guy Bartlett has taken the contract of Day and Billings to cut and haul on the river bank all the birch, pine and pulp on the timberland of the Summer Magill farm recently sold.

Miss Edna Bartlett, grammar, and Miss Ethel Cole, primary, closed their school here, Dec. 17, with a very interesting Christmas entertainment, hand-some decorated Christmas trees attended by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus and a very pleasing program was presented in each room. By written invitation in verse several mothers and friends very much enjoyed it all. Program in Miss Bartlett's room as follows:

Song, "Tis Christmas, School

Recitation, Same To You—Plus—, School

Recitation, The Shepherd's Story, Glenvee Cole

Song, Bethlehem Babe, School

Recitation, In Trouble, James Burhoe

Poem, Little Town of Bethlehem, School

Song, Christmas Bells, School

Recitation, Christmas Task, Elton Coolidge

Recitation, Santa Claus, James Quigley

Recitation, Christmas Coming, Winnie Burhoe

Song, Merry Christmas Bells, Five Children

Recitation, The Week Before Xmas, Ruthie Holt

Recitation, The Young Soldier, Othello Reed

Singing, Luther's Cradle Hymn with Tableaux, Seven Pupils

Recitation, A Gift To Santa, Three Girls

Recitation, The Longest Night, Elsie Swan

Recitation, Santa, Roger Swan

Dialogue, Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Program in Miss Cole's room:

Song, Little New Year, Glendon Hutchins, Ray Thompson

Welcome, Sadie Burhoe

Recitation, Christmas Acrostic, Nine Children

Song, Three Stockings, Glendon and Ethel Hutchins

Recitation, Santa's Reproof, Stanley Swan

A Suggestion, Repeating the 100th Psalm, School

Song, Forest Party, Glendon Hutchins

Recitation, In the Toe, Four Children

Song, Santa Claus, Glendon Hutchins

Recitation, It Pays, Iva Bartlett

Song, Santa Claus, Four Children

Recitation, A New Mary, Ethel Hutchins

Dramatization, 'Twas Night Before Christmas, Herbert Burhoe, Fred Haines

Recitation, The Easter Way, Song, Will Santa Come, Ethel Hutchins

Play, The Mouse's Joke, Mother, Clair Swan

John, Stanley Swan

Margaret, Ethel Hutchins

Betty, Iva Bartlett

Santa Claus, Ray Thompson

Mouse, Glendon Hutchins

Blazing, Yankee Doodle, Raymond Bartlett

A Christmas pie was served to all the pupils who "ate" in a thank and pulled out an orange.

Both rooms were handsomely decorated with Christmas bells and hand-colored pictures. Many hand-colored drawings, pictures, etc., all showing much diligent work of the teachers and pupils and much interest in the school work of Miss Bartlett and Miss Cole who are greatly interested in their chosen occupation, and delight in making their school an average standard.

UPTON

Harry Crocker sold his piano, with piano attachment, music cabinet and some sixty rolls of music to Upton Orange.

Ed. Warren has Charles Chase's horse for the winter.

Harry Coolidge, Cedric Jenkins, Scott Coolidge, Jim Barrett, and Ed. Warren are at Bethel and vicinity, sealing.

Mabel Warren is at Miss Lane's, helping with the housework.

Owing to bad travelling there were not many out of town people at the auction at H. L. Crocker's, but some very fine articles were sold, and a lunch of sandwiches, coffee, cookies, doughnuts and cheese was served.

George Deering assisted by Dana Brooks has put up, boarded and shingled an annex to the Orange Hall.

Albert Warren is driving team for Charles Akers at Bethel.

CANTON

Charles E. Hollis, who is seriously ill of erysipelas, in the face, is somewhat better.

The Universalist Society have hired Rev. Eleanor B. Forbes of Buckfield as their pastor for another year.

John Lavorgna went to Portland last week and enlisted. He is now at Fort Williams.

W. E. Dresser is confined to his bed by illness.

The annual inspection of Evergreen Chapter, No. 24, O. E. S., was held Wednesday evening, the inspecting officer being Mrs. Cora M. Charles, D. D. G. M., of Fryeburg. The work was accomplished in a most satisfactory manner. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and a short entertainment enjoyed. Mrs. Charles was a guest of the Worthy Matron, Miss Abbie C. Bicknell, while in town.

The next meeting of the Universalist Circle will be held with Mrs. Mabelle G. Gilnes instead of at the vestry as planned.

Miss Elva Woodward is ill with the measles.

The Pine Tree Club met Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Marion A. Smith. The roll call was answered by naming some woman monarch, past or present.

"Training for Citizenship" was led by Mrs. M. A. Smith. A paper, "Queen Elizabeth of England, a Woman Who Ruled," Miss Nellie Michaels. "The Christmas Tree and the Community Spirit," from the Bay View Magazine, read by Miss Lida Allen, followed by current events. An interesting guessing game and light refreshments followed. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 29 at the home of Mrs. Smith.

Miss Mary I. Richardson is visiting Mrs. Frank Irish of East Poru.

The entertainment which was advertised for Friday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross was postponed on account of the severe storm.

Alfred Chushman Corliss of Hartford and Miss Adeline Frances Copeland of Whitman, Mass., were united in marriage Dec. 11 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer P. Copeland, at Whitman. Mr. and Mrs. Corliss will be at home at Hartford after Jan. 1st.

Winfield S. Ingerson, who has been foreman of a corn shop at Newport, was in town, Wednesday. Mr. Ingerson has been chosen as foreman of the Canton corn factory and will soon move his family here. John K. Forhan, who has had charge of this factory for a long period of years, has been promoted to district superintendent and will have a number of factories under his supervision. Mr. and Mrs. Forhan contemplate moving to Portland in the spring.

No sale will be held at the church vestry as planned for next Thursday.

Miss Lida Allen, who has been a teacher in the Canton schools, will teach in Rumford the coming year.

Albert Spaulding of the U. S. cruiser Maumee, is at home on tea days' furlough.

Evergreen Chapter, O. E. S., elected officers Tuesday evening as follows:

W. M.—Miss Florence Childs.

A. M.—Miss Agnes Heald.

W. P.—John Briggs.

Conductress—Mrs. Cora B. Fuller.

Associate Cond.—Mrs. Merle Davis.

Secretary—Mrs. Clara Mendall.

Treasurer—Mrs. Velda Bicknell.

Finance Committee—Mrs. Martha Childs, Miss A. C. Bicknell, Caleb E. Mendall.

The installation of officers will occur Jan. 8. No meeting will be held on Christmas Day.

L. O. Varney of Sumner has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs.

Miss Dorothy Dumas of Spring street has been a guest of Miss Eleanor Westgate.

I. B. Smith is quite poorly.

LOOKER'S MILLS

C. B. Tebbeta was in South Paris on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Rand is gaining slowly from her recent operation.

Chester Cummings is in town calling on friends before going to South Andover for Tebbeta Co.

Charles Farrington was in Lewiston, Thursday.

Edith Fiske visited with relatives in Norway, Saturday.

Amos King was home from West Paris the week end.

Walter Maxin has been very sick. He is reported as gaining.

Harold King was out of town, Saturday.

Leater Varney was at his home in North Buckfield a few days last week.

Wesley Kimball's family are entertaining the summer.

Clinton Littlefield is clerking in W. B. Rand's store.

Mrs. Harold King was at Bryant's Pond, Wednesday.

More snow fell Friday and with the severe wind the roads were drifted very badly.

James M. Balcum

A notice of the death of James M. Balcum, who died at his home in South Paris, Maine, on December 18, 1917, at the age of 78 years, is hereby given.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, December 22, at the home of the deceased, South Paris, Maine.

Interment will be in the cemetery at South Paris, Maine.

Those desiring to attend the funeral are requested to call on the undertaker, J. B. Smith, at South Paris, Maine.

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Prepared by Howard B. Green, D. D., Representative Religious Trust U. S. Food Administration, Washington.

"Why doesn't the Food Administration bring down the high prices?"

Well, ask another question—Why aren't there two million United States soldiers in France and Italy today, fighting at the front and driving the Hun on the run towards Berlin?

Because both take time, thorough preparation, and in case of food prices much voluntary cooperation. But something is being done every day, and to lower the cost of living wherever it is possible is one of the prime aims of the Food Administration, which has already kept the prices of many staples from going much higher. Flour might easily have been twice its present price per barrel if the Food Administration had not established a fair price for wheat and limited flour millers' profits. Sugar would almost certainly have gone soaring if speculation had not been stopped. Then, some prices have been lowered. Flour has fallen substantially below the August prices. Speculation in Cuban sugar has been stopped, saving an exorbitant price though not securing a sufficient supply. This temporary shortage would have meant a large advance in price had not the Food Administration secured a voluntary agreement from the producers of cane and

beet sugar. Do not forget these facts because beefsteak is out of reach, sugar still higher than one could wish, and many have to live more largely on hope than they like to.

Remember also that the Food Administration has no direct control over the retail trade, save where it does an annual business of \$100,000 or more. That explains why, when the price of beef at the packer's door was 14.5 cents a pound, in October, as compared with 10 cents in July, the average price of round steak in 798 cities was 31 cents a pound against 27 in July, showing that while the wholesale price decreased the retail price increased. Public sentiment, community cooperation, must take that in hand.

How about a shortage of sugar, making it difficult in some places to get any? Well, the Food Administration long ago pointed out what was coming and made the simple request that our people should save seven ounces a week per person, in order to give our Allies what they must have and supply what we need ourselves. If this had been done, or should now be done, our ration of sugar per person per year would be 67 pounds, while the English have to be content with 34 and the French and Italians with 12. Aren't we willing to share with those who are fighting for us, with the enemy on their territory?

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MORRIS PRATT'S BIRTHDAY

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Knowledge of existing conditions, for one who has lived in Bethel since he can not easily imagine what life would be like down in a coal mine; what others less fortunate than ourselves have been meeting for generations across the ocean.

A highly educated Russian lady said to me years ago, "You do not know what it means to be an American citizen; I know how to love the Stars and Stripes as you never can. I am a far truer American than you, for you know a convert is always an enthusiast, and I adore this country of my adoption." This cultivated woman was called from Russia for expressing political principles which are now being earnestly advocated by the Russians today who are struggling for real liberty; she was not even allowed to meet her mother at the frontier, after traveling the long journey from America to Russia, and after an absence of seven years.

In an artist's studio in Washington I once stood admiring a superb portrait of two Russian boys. The artist, seeing my interest, came to me, and with a fire in his eyes and a passion in his voice I have never seen or heard equalled said, "Americans! My sons are Americans! I came to the United States to save these boys from becoming Russian targets."

Karl Ritter the famous sculptor, whose untimely death the country deplores, and who dearly loved Bethel, told us of his escape from Austria when a very young man and of his arrival in New York, poor and alone, but triumphant in having freed himself from Austrian military servitude.

On a steamer twenty five years ago bound for Europe, we met a most cultivated and altogether charming German lady. With her was a little baby son whose she was taking back to her German family. This far-away mother came across the ocean to have her child learn the Stars and Stripes, and with intense feeling proudly said, "My son is an American citizen! He could save the President of the United States!"

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The German children reflect the military spirit in a pitiful way. A courteous little white-faced boy of eleven years confided to my young son that his studies were so many, the standards so difficult, the teachers so harsh, and his food so scanty that he wished he could die. I well remember looking from a hotel window in Bremen on a dismal rainy morning and seeing throngs of school-children with little knapsacks on their backs going through the lamp-lighted streets of that dark northern winter to their schools, at seven in the morning.

Berlin has had every year an appalling number of child suicides. The principles upon which Germany has been building these many years ruthlessly drive the weak out of existence.

A brilliant German girl, daughter of an officer, said with a dreadful bitterness, "There is but one merciful thing to do to a girl born in Germany—drown her at birth."

Such are some of the conditions prevailing in the countries now at war. To help rescue the nations fighting to escape such bondage and to secure our freedom from a similar fate that would forever darken our lives and those of future generations, we are giving our sons to this long dreadful struggle, wherein sacrifice is the only factor of which we may be sure.

The flag means to the mothers of our nation of this generation what it has never meant before. The Stars are stripes of pain, its Stars are often drenched with tears, but it floats high above our fears and we believe as never before in the freedom it symbolizes.

I have just returned from one of the great camps, Camp Sherman in Ohio, where forty thousand men are undergoing discipline, privations, and physical dangers that raise our amazement at what one sees of strength, courage and self-sacrifice of manhood. Men who have voluntarily left luxurious homes, have laid down brilliant professional or successful business careers, and faced the yet harder renunciation of the home, are magnificently submitting to the strenuous discipline that makes the strong soldier.

First of all they learn to obey. A successful commander in any walk of life, who has never learned the lesson

of obedience—does not exist. If this war brings a period of universal service for our boys with its lessons of prompt, unquestioning obedience, there will be a standard of manhood in this freeborn Republic, such as the world has never seen. Already the American is looked upon in Europe as a type of manhood that commands their wondering respect. We shall have yet finer results. Our brave boys from Old Gould's "over there" will prove that our expectations are not baseless.

A Captain of a Battery recently told me that the change in men after a few months of training was wonderful. Minds as well as bodies take on new capacities in many directions; and surely the soldiers that thronged the streets of Chillicothe were grand specimens of manly alertness and vigor. All this improvement is based upon one great principle—obedience. It is whispered that one great battle was lost to the Allies by an officer's failure to obey orders. Bitter indeed will be his cup of life-long humiliation.

You have heard much of "preparedness" during these days of war. This school is rightfully called a preparatory school. It is not only making students ready for college but for life. In this school are some necessary laws. To obey them is to lay a secure foundation for your futures, and the central thought for your consideration in this talk to you today, as students of Gould's Academy, is to emphasize the necessity of recognizing that the basic principle of all real success in life is obedience.

He who will not obey the law of right as given him by parents and teachers, will find it very difficult to obey Him who writes his laws upon the hearts of men.

Millions of men, the rich and powerful as well as the poor and unknown, are living under this great law of Obedience. Not only in the strenuous daily drill in camp or on the dreaded firing line are men obeying laws, but there are also those who are pouring out money like water to give those fighting for this and other countries the power to carry on this struggle, and in this way are also magnificently obeying. Hundreds of thousands of women have obeyed the call for help.

This little village has a record of service that astonishes all who hear its story. But when one hears the false note of the Pacific struck, that has, it is said, already cost a million lives, with its pernicious doctrine as to non-resistance to evil, read the stories following the Master, whose standards none can question, treated wrongdoings with greatest indignation and severity. There is an old legend wherein one in speaking of Christ said, "His rebuke was fearful." Christ never rebuked evil done to himself, but to the wrongdoer and the culprit, the sick and the poor; and when God's name was profaned by "gratification" he did not hesitate to use force to bring light into being, and to destroy might.

We can safely follow the great Captain! Had his light been recognized and followed this world would not now be stumbling through a dreadful night. We obey Him when we resist evil. While thinking thus for you to this little address the terrible Holmfors disaster has shocked us almost into despair. Such awful consequences following hard upon some one's wrongdoing! Remember in this terrible clasp of suffering was the carelessness of perjury only one human being, no doubt, losing his life with the others he has murdered.

Someone failed in obedience! Fidelity to duty, faithfulness to responsibility, would have saved all this suffering. That it was not the work of an enemy's hand makes this overwhelming disaster less terrible to the imagination, but gives one a sense of despair that with such tremendous forces of nature which Man has wrested from God's universe, there should not have been also provided, by man, safeguards that would make such a calamity impossible.

The only gleam of light in this dark hour is the magnificent ability and generosity shown by the quick acting Commonwealth under their strong leaders; but the pitiless human suffering makes our hearts ache as we realize our inability to lift the load.

Blair King had a thought that has lived—and must therefore be true. When a great steamship went down in the Golden Gate of California many years ago and three hundred and fifty women and children were drowned, this spiritually-developed preacher said these words which have stood with a new hope many a soul when shocked by sudden seemingly untimely deaths. These are the words, full of meaning: "God must have something very valuable for the soul of man further on, to appear to be so reckless of human life here on this earth"; and we add that it may be one of our great surprises in the new life to come, to find, as one has said, "That length of breath is not God's greatest gift to man."

And now from the turmoil and misery around us we quietly turn to what has called us here together today—the observance of the birthday of one whom we fondly bring to our grateful remembrance; and once more to bear with tender reverence the name of Morris Pratt.

For years we have consecrated this hour to thoughts of him.

The generous devotion to his living memory by his parents has blessed hundreds of pupils in this school. But for what this dear name has been to us Gould's Academy would not be what it is today. Morris Pratt fought and won life's battle in earlier years than falls to most of us, and in the beautiful freedom from the sorrow that now enslaves our world he is blessedly spared the sufferings we now are meeting.

In the stately Brooklyn home his portrait hangs in the hall, and it is a beautiful custom of the family to turn the lights upon this fine and dearly-loved face, as the household awakens to life.

A most inspiring thought of one who dwells in Light Ineffable. Well we know that were Morris Pratt living and in health today, there would be four, instead of three, stars in the service flag that floats with the Stars and Stripes from his father's house. No one doubts but he would also have quickly entered this great struggle, and his lips would have smiled as bravely as when he bore his earthly sufferings without a murmur.

Today his younger brother has left the beautiful home of his parents, the life of the scholar, the musician, a life of refined and quiet tastes, and hard-earned all has parted with a young wife whose happiness has been all too brief, and with Morris' smiling lips and brave eyes, has gone to face the urge of his honorable soul. He has obeyed.

I well know how wishes for his safe return are rising in your hearts. For the knowledge of noble lives like these, the immortal and the living, we are inspired to hold fast to our belief that the good is unchanging and eternal. In this great earthly crisis we respond to what is real, though invisible. We all truly live, in this experience of hearing and suffering, in the measure in which we answer the great call from God and his Christ—for magnificent Obedience!

In introducing Hon. W. W. Thomas, Principal Hanscom said:

It was my privilege last evening to listen to that masterly address in Odeon Hall by Hon. William W. Thomas, world diplomat. In his introduction he paid a glowing tribute to three of Bethel's honored sons, his classmates in Bowdoin College, graduates of Gould's Academy, pupils of the late Dr. True. In his address he explained, as no other man in the world could have explained, the reasons why Norway, Sweden and Denmark will never become allies of Germany, but will remain neutral to the end of this great world war. In his modesty he did not tell us that to his influence, more than to that of any other one person, and more than to any other contributing cause, is due the close friendship that exists between Sweden and the United States.

When he told us of the great white battle ship that carried the body of John Erickson back to his native land, he did not tell us that it was he who made the great speech, delivering to the King and people of Sweden the body of the great Swedish American. Nor did he tell us that at the unveiling of the Erickson monument at Stockholm in 1901, it was he who delivered the oration in the Swedish language before Swedish royalty, Court Cabinet and 25,000 people, and that for this he was publicly thanked by the Crown Prince of Norway and Sweden.

It is in this modest, unassuming man, and I would have these young people ever remember that modesty and simplicity are the most distinguishing characteristics of true greatness—who has honored us with his presence this afternoon. He has very generously consented to speak briefly to these young people, and it gives me great pleasure to introduce to them Hon. William W. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas' address was replete with the wisdom garnered from a lifetime of distinguished public service and unusual experiences. His spontaneous outbursts of humor captivated the young people, and gave to his more serious words an added potency and force. In closing he gave the pupils four splendid maxims as the essence of his address:

Be efficient.
Grasp your opportunity.
Do more than your duty.
Always do the hardest thing first.

SHORT COURSES IN AGRICULTURE

To Be Given By The University of Maine College of Agriculture Jan. 1 to 26, 1918.

Farmers throughout the state are urged to make the month of January, 1918, a school month. The College of Agriculture has arranged to give a short course in Agriculture from Jan. 1 to Jan. 26. In order that classes may start promptly Tuesday evening at 8 A. M. registration will be held in Winslow Hall, Dec. 31, from 1:30 to 3:30 P. M. This course covers a short period and the work has been very much concentrated. It is planned particularly to meet the needs of the man or woman who cannot devote the time to the full two or four year course; and, this year,

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the incubator house, the stock judging pavilion and will have excellent opportunity to familiarize themselves with the breeds and types of farm animals from the University herds and flocks.

Each week several special lectures will be given dealing with important agricultural subjects and the agricultural problems of the present time.

No tuition or fees of any kind will be charged. Any person fifteen years of age or over will be admitted to the short course without examination.

For Bulletin describing the short course write to Leon B. Merrill, Dean, College of Agriculture, University of Maine, Orono, Maine.

RUMFORD

Lieut. Albert Bellevue is Camp Meade, Md., and it is interesting to note that the commander is Brigadier General Nicholson, who is a brother of a Rumford resident, later in Portland for several years, and lately having returned to Way to live. Lieut. Bellevue was a banquet at Hotel Rumford one last week by 28 local business and professional men, at which Judge Thaw McCarthy acted as toastmaster and during which Lieut. Bellevue given a beautiful pair of military glasses. On another evening also banqueted by Rumford in their lodge rooms, and was provided with a fine wrist watch. He is to be allowed a furlough soon to visit his home here for a time.

John B. Martin, who is spent week at Fryburg and vicinity, that the weather there has by degrees fallen below zero, and the "oldest inhabitant" there can remember such another winter, will come so early and continue long around the zero mark.

A merry party of young among them was Miss Olive H. took a long snowshoe hike Sunday afternoon. This is unusually in the snowshoes to be out, the feet of snow which has come of the winter making conditions able for the sport.

Carl Timberlake, a driver of Turner Creamery, went to Fryburg Falls by team a week visit his home, and while the taken with the measles, and is able to return to his work. He on the team is taken by Mr. Oak.

Leroy S. Williams, superintendent of Rumford schools, was called to the last of the week to visit with State Superintendent O. A. as.

Walter G. Morse of Rumford Rumford member of the board of directors of the Maine Automobile Association, chosen at their recent in Auburn.

It is expected that something \$130 was cleared by the Ladies' Baptist church at their fair at the per of last week, the booths having in of very nearly \$100 of this.

J. M. Hoag, who has been living several years on Lochness road, just moved into the house on street vacated by Fred Fish, who moved his family to Bridgeport, to live.

Several men, known to the people, are among those who have come to the relief of Halifax. Dr. Murray Gallison, for several years successful physician in Boston, a grandson of A. H. Price, who was once the hotel keeper at "hook," so called in Woodstock, with the first Red Cross Relief and Dr. D. B. Gragin of Waterville, brother of A. B. Gragin who was in business here, left Friday on special train for Halifax.

Five artistic tableaux, which given at the Baptist church, Wednesday evening, in connection with play "Love and Tea," by Mexican and under the auspices of the together club of the Baptist church were cleverly adapted and are staged by Mrs. Fred Gleason, who also directed the tableaux were "Rock of Ages," "Spirit of 1917," "We Need Your Son," "Columbia," and "Call for Aid." The proceeds of the play were divided between the together club and the people in the giving the drama.

Hon. George A. Hutchins was four minute speaker at the theatre Monday evening and Stearns will speak Friday, Dec. 21, the Opera House, the subject "Carrying the Message."

At the Rumford band room on street, the Red Cross have been at work making Christmas wreaths and other items for the benefit of the Red Cross fund. The work has done under the direction of the and Means Committee of the local library, of which M. L. Griffin is man.

E. L. Laveley, division superintendent of the Maine Central, is now to be absent after having been called to the coast.

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John B. Martin, who is spending a week at Fryeburg and vicinity, reports that the weather there has been thirty degrees below zero, and that the "oldest inhabitant" there cannot remember such another winter, when the cold came so early and continued so long around the zero mark.

A merry party of young people, among them was Miss Olive Bartlett, took a long snowshoe hike Sunday afternoon. This is unusually early for the snowshoes to be out, the three feet of snow which has come early in the winter making conditions favorable for the sport.

Carl Timberlake, a driver for the Turner Creamery, went to Livemore Falls by team a week ago to visit his home, and while there was taken with the measles, and is still unable to return to his work. His place on the team is taken by Mr. Oakes.

Leroy S. Williams, superintendent of Rumford schools, was called to Augusta the last of the week to consult with State Superintendent O. A. Thomas.

Walter G. Morse of Rumford is the Rumford member of the board of directors of the Maine Automobile Association, chosen at their recent meeting in Auburn.

It is expected that something like \$130 was cleared by the Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church at their fair and supper of last week, the booths having taken in very nearly \$100 of this amount.

J. M. Hoag, who has been living for several years on Lochness road, has just moved into the house on that street vacated by Fred Fish, who has moved his family to Bridgeport, Conn., to live.

Several men, known to Rumford people, are among those who went at once to the relief of Halifax. Dr. James Murray Gillison, for several years a successful physician in Boston, and the grandson of A. H. Price, who was at one time the hotel keeper at "Pinhook," so called in Woodstock, went with the first Red Cross Relief unit and Dr. D. B. Graglin of Waterville, a brother of A. B. Graglin who was at one time in business here, left Friday night on special train for Halifax.

Five artistic tableaux, which were given at the Baptist church, Wednesday evening, in connection with the play "Love and Tea," by Mexican talent and under the auspices of the All-together club of the Baptist church, were cleverly adapted and arranged and staged by Mrs. Fred Gleason of Mexico, who also directed the play. The tableaux were "Rock of Ages," "Spirit of 1917," "We Need You and Your Son," "Columbia," and "The Call for Aid." The proceeds of the play were divided between the All-together club and the people in the act giving the drama.

Hon. George A. Hutchins was the four minute speaker at the Majestic theatre Monday evening and A. E. Stearns will speak Friday, Dec. 21, at the Opera House, the subject being "Carrying the Message."

At the Rumford band room on Canal street, the Red Cross have been busy at work making Christmas wreaths for sale around town, for the benefit of the Red Cross fund. The work has been done under the direction of the Ways and Means Committee of the local auxiliary, of which M. L. Griffin is chairman.

E. L. Lavoie, division superintendent of the Maine Central, is now able to be about after having been confined.

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A POPULAR VERDICT

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Grateful thousands tell it—Of weak backs made strong—Of weak kidneys made well—Urinary disorders corrected. Bethel people add their testimony. They praise Doan's Kidney Pills. Bethel evidence is now complete. Reports of early relief substantiated. Merit doubly proved by test of time. Let a Bethel citizen speak. C. H. Heath, carpenter, High St., says: "I suffered terribly from backache, headaches and dizzy spells. The kidney secretions were irregular in passage, being entirely too frequent. I got Doan's Kidney Pills at Bosserman's Drug Store, and in a few weeks I was entirely cured." (Statement given July 20, 1917).

On June 18, 1916, Mr. Heath said: "I am still a firm believer in Doan's Kidney Pills. I use them as I feel in need of them and they always bring as good results as when I first took them."

Price 60c, at all dealers'. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Heath had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

to the house for some time by injuries to his foot received by a misstep in his basement.

Mrs. E. S. Swift, who has been severely ill with bronchitis and complications at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Orrington Berry of Main avenue, is more comfortable.

Dr. E. A. Sheehy is the Rumford dentist who has been appointed to a position on the medical advisory board of Maine recently appointed by Governor Milliken.

Miss Mary Murray, a student at the Farmington Normal School, is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Rowe for the holiday recess.

The Misses Adrienne and Eglantine Bellevue, teachers in Rumford, are spending their vacation at their home in Lewiston having been able to leave Friday afternoon, as the storm on that day closed the schools for the entire day.

Mrs. Ella Chase and little son of Wilton will spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Annie Colburn Holmquist. Miss Isora Colburn will also be a guest of Mrs. Holmquist.

Masters Maxwell and Sidney Wakely, who are at present living with relatives in Clinton, are in town to spend the Christmas vacation with their father, E. A. Wakely.

Mrs. Cameron returned Monday to her home at Old Orchard after being a guest for a week of her cousins, J. B. Stevenson and family.

NEW FEDERAL INCOME TAX.

Government to Send Our Men to Help Make Out Blanks.

You won't have to figure out your own income tax all by yourself hereafter. The government is going to send out men to help you. It will be up to you to hunt up these men, who will be sent into every county seat town, and some other towns besides, to meet the people. Postmasters, bankers and newspapers will be able to tell you when the government's income tax man will be around, and where to find him. He will answer your questions, swear you to the return, take your money, and remove the wrinkles from your brow. Returns of income for 1917 must be made between January 1 and March 1, 1918.

"The Government recognizes," Collector of Internal Revenue Beth W. Jones said recently, "that many persons experience a good deal of difficulty in filling out income tax blanks. It recognizes too, that taxpayers resident at points where collector's offices are not easily accessible and it hard to get proper instruction in the law. Next year, when every married person living with wife or husband and having a net income of \$2,000, and every person unmarried not the head of a family and having a net income of \$1,000 for the year 1917 must make return of income on the form prescribed, there will be hundreds in every community seeking light on the law, and help in executing their returns. My own and every other collection district in the nation will be divided into districts, with the county as the unit, and a government officer informed in the income tax assigned to each district. He will spend hardly less than a week in each county, and in some counties a longer time, very likely in the courthouse at the county seat town. In cities where there are collector's branch offices, he will go there, and in other cities possibly at the city hall. My office will in due time advise postmasters and bankers and send out notices to the newspapers stating when the officer will be in each county. It will be unnecessary for prospective taxpayers to ask my office for forms on which to make returns. The officer who visits their county will have them.

"It may be stated as a matter of general information that net income is the remainder after subtracting ex-

ANDOVER

Mrs. Abbie Poor left town Monday for Portland, where she will spend the winter.

The high school closed Friday for a two weeks' vacation. Mr. Brown, the principal, returned to his home at Isl-land Falls, Monday.

John Hovey and son, Ralph, are at home from Farmachence Lake.

Sidney Abbott, who has been ill, is improving.

Vivian Learned has returned from Andover Surplus, where she has been assisting Mrs. Bert Dunn.

There will be a Christmas tree and Sunday school concert at the Congregational church, Tuesday evening, Dec. 24th.

Lawrence Parsons is working in the woods for Edward Abbott.

Mr. and Mrs. James Littlehale are attending State Grange at Lewiston this week.

Arthur Archibald, who has been working at Grafton, returned to his home in Lynn, Monday.

A foot of snow fell Friday accompanied by a high wind which soon made the roads almost impassable. Sunday and Monday the road commissioner had men and teams out working.

The Ladies' Aid held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Ralph Thurston, Wednesday afternoon.

Bert Berry is clerking for Lee Thurston at Black Brook.

Lene Mountain Grange will hold its last meeting for the year Saturday, Dec. 22. The dinner committee are Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Akers, Mr. and Mrs. Holton Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crossman and Mrs. Lillian Marston.

Francis Crossman, who has been in Portland receiving medical treatment, has returned home.

John Zale of Rumford was in town, Saturday.

George Thomas, who is ill at the Eye and Ear Infirmary, Portland, is gaining.

Mrs. Lawrence Parsons and baby are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Akers.

John French, Jr., has gone to Bath, Me., where he is employed by the government in the ship building department.

The following officers of Ellis Glen Temple, Pythian Sisters, were elected Monday evening, Dec. 10th:

P. C.—Margaret Hall.
M. E. C.—Hortense Newton.
E. S.—Vine Mills.
E. J.—Irene Bodwell.
M.—Lillian Small.
P.—Carrie Morton.
G.—Mary Noble.
M. B. B.—Nellie Leslie.
M. of F.—Katherine McAllister.
Financial—Margery Thomas.

Installing Officer—Myrtle Learned.
Grand Representative—Lois Harris.
Alternate—Katherine McAllister.
Dr. F. E. Leslie, who spent Thanksgiving at his home, is now in government service in Mississippi.

Y. A. Thurston and Reges Thurston attended the funeral of Jacob Thurston at Bethel, Wednesday.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Merrill are ill with the measles.

persons from gross income. Personal, family, or living expense is not expense in the meaning of the law, the exemption being allowed to cover such expenses.

"The new exemptions of \$1,000 and \$2,000 will add tens of thousands to the number of income taxpayers in this district, inasmuch as practically every farmer, merchant, tradesman, professional man and salary worker and a great many wage workers will be required to make return and pay tax.

"The law makes it the duty of the taxpayer to seek out the collector. Many people assume that if an income tax form is not sent, or a government officer does not call, they are relieved from making report. This is decidedly in error. It is the other way round. The taxpayer has to go to the government and if he doesn't within the time prescribed, he is a violator of the law, and the government will go to him with its penalties."

Beth W. Jones, Collector of Internal Revenue, Portsmouth, N. H., is Collector of the District of New Hampshire, which comprises the States of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont.

OLEAD

G. Y. Leighton had a car load of new horses arrive last week.

Larry Lester was a recent visitor in Bethel, N. H.

Mrs. Jennie Hutchins and Mrs. Edna Thibault of West Bethel were in town last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Monahan of Bethel, N. H., arrived in town the first of the week to spend the winter.

The village school closed last Friday for the winter vacation.

R. C. Brett of Auburn was in this vicinity last Tuesday.

Lawrence Walther and family returned to their home in Bethel, N. H., last Friday, after spending the summer here.

Printing of all kinds done in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

GRANGE NEWS.

Continued from page 1.

Secretary—Ida Packard.
Gate Keeper—Sidney Jodrey.
Cores—Ella Cummings.
Pomona—Eva Haggood.
Flora—Clara Grover.
L. A. Steward—Cassandra Cole.
Pianist—Florence Upton.

NORWAY GRANGE.

The following is the program for the meeting of Dec. 22:

Opening Song, American.
Piano Solo, Adeline DeCoster.
Song, "Old Glory," All.
Christmas Recollections.

General response.
Special Feature, in charge of Algie Crooker.

Topic, Joint ownership of expensive machinery for small farms; benefits, and drawbacks. Discussion led by Arthur Buck.

Paper, What constitutes a good course in home economics? Mrs. Grace Dunn. Five minute talks on the work of the year.

Closing Song, The Grange Is Marching On.
The third and fourth degrees will be conferred on waiting candidates at this meeting.

Oxford Pomona Grange meets with Norway Grange, Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1918.

PARIS GRANGE.

Paris Grange was called to order by Worthy Master Dudley at 1.30 p. m., Saturday, Dec. 15. All but three of the regular officers were present. On account of the small attendance Sisters Day was postponed until next meeting.

Jan. 15, when the Sisters will have full away in the afternoon. The Grange will meet at 10.30 a. m. After the regular routine of business the officers for the ensuing year will be installed, followed by dinner and afternoon exercises. Committee on Grange Sale reported a net proceeds of \$32.33. The following was the program which was carried out:

Song, Star Spangled Banner.
Reading, Mary S. Cummings.
Piano Solo, encore, Mary Cummings.

Reading the list of names of those who had earned a dollar to help pay the Grange debt, 42 have already paid.

Reading, Iona Littlehale.
Clipping on Food Conservation.

W. C. Thayer.
Song, Lucy Edwards.
Duet, Sisters Mason and Edwards.
Sister Kate Hammond was reported sick.

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Japanese Novelties

Direct from Japan in many curious and useful designs.

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In large and small sizes.

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For men, women and children. A fine assortment to choose from.

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POULTRY-HOUSE FLOORS.

Earth, Cement, or Wood May Be Used—Comparative Advantages and Disadvantages of Each.

Poultry-house floors are usually made of either earth, wood, or cement. Where the soil is light and well drained the use of earth floors gives economy in construction and investment, and a more comfortable house. Where the drainage is not good, and on heavy soils, especially those containing much clay, floors of wood or cement are generally preferred.

Each kind of floor has its advantages and disadvantages, consideration of which will often lead a poultry keeper to use a different kind of floor from that which is generally constructed in his locality.

Earth Floors.
A floor of earth needs to be renewed at least once a year. If the droppings that fall upon the floor are carefully removed at frequent, regular intervals, much of the earth is removed with them. If the regular cleaning of the floor is superficial, the earth of the floor to a depth of several inches becomes mixed with droppings that its condition is very insanitary.

When the poultry keeper has a garden, the manure obtained by removing the earth floor of the poultry house will compensate for the labor of renewing the floor, and the new earth required can be taken from a convenient spot on his own land. When the poultry keeper must pay some one else to take away the old earth and bring in new, the cost will in a few years exceed the cost of a cement floor.

Cement Floor.
The principal fault of a cement floor is that it is likely to be cold and damp. These conditions may be corrected by covering the floor to a depth of an inch or two with dry earth or sand, using over this scratching litter of straw or wood shavings. Floors so treated require as much routine work to keep them in good order as earth floors, but the supply of clean earth required is much less and the work of annual renovation is eliminated.

Wood Floors.
Floors of wood are not now much used in poultry houses except when the space under the floor is high enough to

COTTAGE STUDIO NOTES

Our first Christmas suggestion is to come at once for the portrait you want to send your soldiers.

We have for their use nice leather pocket cases for one, two or three photos.

We are making Photos this Christmas at our regular prices. That an advance in price will be necessary at no far distant date seems probable.

We are issuing Portrait Gift Certificates which should solve some of your shopping problems. Give one at Christmas for a present to the father or mother, husband or wife, that keep neglecting the portrait you want of them.

be occupied by poultry. A wooden floor close to the ground soon rots, while any space under a floor not high enough to be used for poultry makes a harbor for rats and other vermin.

The wooden floors of a poultry house should have a light coating of dry earth, sand, chaff, or similar material to prevent the droppings of the birds from sticking to and saturating the boards.

RAGS WANTED.

Will pay 3 cents per pound for clean rags suitable for wiping presses.
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Of all the charming, sweet girls you have ever met there is none with the fascination and freshness of this young lady. If you read "Prudence of the Parsonage" the vivaciousness of her character lingers with you, and you will be glad to learn that she makes her reappearance in our new serial.

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By ETHEL HUESTON

Fairy, the twins and even little Connie are all growing up now and having love affairs of their own. But they still get into occasional scraps that will make you smile and chuckle.

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HARDSHIPS OF THE "SOUR DOUGH" BOYS.

Some of the Hardships Alaskan Pros-
pectors Have to Meet and Overcome.
Temperature 80 Below Zero. Pros-
pecting is Confined to the Food Base.
Expedients Experience Teaches—
Solitude Brings Insanity.

(M. J. Brown)

Alaska, home of the tin can and
dog; a waste of snow and ice; the
graveyard of ambition; a by-word for
hell, home of the famed double-cross.
These and hundreds more like them
are printed and sung in the North Land.
There have been such hardships, such
disappointments and such suffering that
there are few to find things to sing
praises of.

But this isn't to be a moralism. It
is rather to tell you of some of the in-
teresting expedients the hardships of the
cold land teach those who live with
her.

Where the "sour doughs" beat the
newcomers to it is on the long pros-
pecting hikes or stampede races to new
strikes. Here is where experience counts.

News will come into a Yukon town
that a strike has been made far back
in the hills and of course that means
a race of about everybody in the town
who can raise a grub stake or a dog.

The movies picture these men as
starting on foot, pulling on their coats
as they run, and other rank foolish-
ness. The slowest and best prepared
number is the one who will stake first,
and the experienced men know it.

So instead of harnessing the dogs and
mushing out in ten minutes after the
news, the "sour doughs" begin to pre-
pare an outfit, one they can go through
on with the least loss of time.

Beans will be boiled before the start.
Is a mashing race to a gold strike, the
camps are where night finds the men,
often where wood is very scarce and
where a few twigs must suffice for the
fire.

The beans are not boiled soft, just
enough to cook them through, then
they are spread out and allowed to
freeze. After they are frozen they are
put in bags and they are as separate
as dry beans.

A tenderfoot would boil them and let
them freeze solid and the tenderfoot
might just as well throw them away
and cook fresh ones so far as time sav-
ing goes. Try thawing out a bucket of
solidly frozen beans—or rather don't
try it.

Game with meat. The old timer will
cut his bacon or bear meat into slices,
let it freeze solid in slices and then
pack it into one package. The "chee-
chako" will cut it in slices and let it
freeze together and he might better
have never sliced it, for frozen togeth-
er they are like a solid chunk of ice.

A trail follower will never let his meat
slices freeze together but once, for if
he is going fast he will not have any
meat to eat. In a hot frying pan frozen
meat will burn on one side and be
raw on the other.

A mashing outfit can be no stronger
than his grub outfit, and this is the
main reason why there are thousands of
square miles in the big North territory
that have never been prospected and
thousands of acres that have never had
a human foot on them.

The river towns are the supply base
—and there are no others. Let a man
strike north from the Yukon anywhere
to the interior of Alaska and he knows
that he will never get another ounce of
store provisions until he comes back to
that town. Ahead of him are no posts,
settlements, supplies or even Indian vil-
lages—for the Indians and Eskimos live
variably live along the streams.

So when prospectors start out they
must only go as far as half their food
supply will carry them—and even this
limit is a long chance. When the grub
is half exhausted, they must at once
turn back, and if on the back trail sev-
ere blizzards should stop them, sick-
ness or accident should delay, then the
white death will cut again.

So a gold hunter in Alaska is very
much like a submarine, he can only get
so far from his supply base and live.
Many a prospector starts out for a cer-
tain locality and he has to beat it back
the minute he gets there—or starve.

Terrible blizzards often overtake
numbers on these trips, storms that
neither man nor dog can face, and then
one must get in and stay in until it is
over or die.

The thermometer during mid winter
will often go 80 degrees and more below
zero, and Alaskan thermometers are
made the reverse of state ones, the
zero mark being more than half way
up the glass so the mercury will have
room enough to run down. In an ordi-
nary thermometer the mercury will run
down into the bulb and freeze solid.

In a temperature of 80 degrees be-
low zero no living thing can long en-
dure in the open. Even the hardy
bears and wolves hunt holes and re-
main until the weather moderates. Men
long exposed to the awful cold may sur-
vive for a time, only to die with lung
disease later on. The intense cold
breathed in the open freezes or chills
the lung lining, and later on the vic-
tim will contract bronchitis, pneumonia
or quick consumption.

One prospector told me he was
caught in a blizzard and remained for
five days in an abandoned mining cab-
in. He said evidently a white woman
or squaw had once resided there, for
the interior had been clothed and pap-
ered with newspapers. And he spent
the most of his time reading those
walls. He would read up as far as he
could see, then stand on the table and
read up to the roof, read newspapers
that were printed ten years before. He
told me that one morning he opened
the slide window and threw the dish-
water out and when it struck the ground
it was ice. This is a whopper for a
man who has never experienced a win-
ter up around the arctic circle, but I
will believe any story told in Alaska,
when told the first time.

Another miner told me that the ex-
treme cold had forced him and his part-
ner to abandon their thawing area and
wait for warmer weather. One morning
he thought to fix a dog sled that was
standing just outside the cabin. He
reached out to get it and his hand came
in contact with the sled shoe. It was
frozen to the metal in an instant. The
sled was brought inside and his hand
released by warming the metal, but he
said he had a dangerous sore from the
burn.

When the thermometer is far below
zero and there is no wind it is aston-
ishing how far sound will carry. The
howl of a dog can be heard further than
the eye can see, and men can converse
more than a mile apart.

Sometimes there is game to be had
in the prospecting camps, and some-
times a man might hunt for a month
and never see a sign of a bear, caribou
or any other animal. Like gold,
game is where you find it in Alaska,
and it is fully as uncertain as gold.

Every year a large number of crazy
men are brought out of Alaska and
taken to Portland, Oregon. There is not
a town on the Yukon that has not sent
out one or many "lugs." Two things
are given as the causes for the brain
storms, brooding and solitude. And it
is rather remarkable that about 90 per-
cent of these men recover in from six
months to two years' treatment in the
"lug" sanitarium in Portland.

Many men buy Indian women and
marry them, to prevent insanity. "We
play cards to hold our brains together
until we hate the sight of each other,
then we buy wives and separate," ex-
plained one miner to me.

Let two men work together and live
together day after day, or rather night
after night of the long day winter
and after a time they become silent, mor-
ose, quarrelsome. They will go for
days without hardly a spoken word.
The darkness, solitude and cold have a
peculiar influence on men. The friend-
ship of friends will quarrel over a trifle
and be silent for days. One will get mad
if his partner talks too much and will
fly into a passion if he is poorly and does
not talk. They will quarrel over the
most unimportant details and often
separate over a trifling argument. Any-
where else but in this solitude these
men would fight to the last for each
other.

And with ice and snow everywhere,
the miners of Alaska really suffer for
want of water. The only water they
have during the winter is snow water,
thawed, and this is too often too much
trouble for men who work from 15 to
18 hours per day. It is too often too
much trouble for men who sit idly in
their cabins day after day. Hence it
is a fact that men do not drink enough
water to be healthy during the long
winters, and as for having enough to
keep their bodies and their dishes in
healthy condition—forget it. There are
men in Alaska who haven't had a bath
in years.

When a pale first starts on a pros-
pecting hike their one topic of conver-
sation, day and night, is what they will
strike and what they will do when they
strike it. After a time neither will
dare speak the word "gold" or men-
tion his hopes. It is peculiar how the
hard grind and the monotony go to
one's head.

Let a cabin run out of tobacco and
the men are more concerned than over
a shortage of food. As the supply runs
low the partners will declare it is a
good time to quit. When it becomes ex-
hausted they will pick up discouraged
cups around the cabin, dry them and
smoke them, and when it is all gone,
one or perhaps both will risk their lives
through long trips over the mountains
to the nearest town.

Seattle prices double when the pros-
pector reaches the river stores, and dou-
ble again when they are packed in to
the mining camps back from the river,
so it can be readily seen why war prices
are driving men out of Alaska by hun-

SAVE MEAT

by serving more stuffing when you
serve roast meats, poultry,
fish and game.
It is always in the pleasure of the host
to ask GROCERS FOR



When bacon reaches a dollar a
pound no prospector can afford it, and
but few of the richest of the working
claims can.

Some of these days when the war is
over and there is an over supply of
dirigibles and aeroplanes, Alaska is go-
ing to have a thorough searching out in
the remote places where white men dare
not go now. These stars during the
summer season will go down the streams
of unknown places, and over the moun-
tains to unexplored valleys, and they
will be able to carry in enough provi-
sions and supplies to warrant thorough
prospecting of these far-back localities.

—places that absolutely cannot be pros-
pected now for the reason that the out-
fits cannot carry supplies enough over
the trails and roughest of all coun-
tries to keep the prospectors eating for
a long enough time. The fear of star-
vation holds many a man back from
exploration. He dares not go further
for fear that he may not be able to
come back, that unforeseen difficulties
may delay and he may starve and
freeze—and starvation is the one night-
mare of the Alaskan prospector.

With fliers it will be possible during
the summer months to explore the great
white wastes on the Alaskan map, to
go up beyond the arctic circle to the
Arctic ocean, and to prospect every val-
ley and stream. There is no doubt but
what there are many strikes as rich
as the Klondike waiting for someone to
find them, and with air machines mak-
ing this possible, Alaska will no doubt
be thoroughly explored.

War time prices have played the dev-
il with the Yukon river merchants. In
those interior towns wants must be an-
ticipated, or guessed at, months ahead
and the goods for the coming winter
must be ordered months ahead. This
year the excessive prices in the mining
camps have forced many of the small
concerns, with low grade dirt, to quit,
to simply shut down and go outside on
all the war ends, and prices lower, hence
many a store keeper, with the custo-
mary winter stock on hand, finds there
are very few to buy his goods and the
bills are coming due. And a result will
be that many a dealer with small cap-
ital and credit will go broke.

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WEST PARIS

Rev. Dwight A. Ball will preach at
the Universalist church, next Sunday
morning.

Rev. H. A. Markley preached at the
Universalist church last Sunday morn-
ing to a good sized audience.

Dr. F. E. Wheeler left Saturday
morning for Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia,
where he will be stationed for the pres-
ent. Mrs. Wheeler accompanied him to
Portland and returned Monday. A good
delegation of friends were at the sta-
tion Saturday morning to bid God speed
to their friend and physician.

News has been received from Samuel
W. Dunham who is visiting his daugh-
ter in Massachusetts that he is in a
hospital for treatment.

The operetta, "Windmills of Hol-
land," will be presented Friday even-
ing, Dec. 21, by the West Paris High
school.

Mrs. Will Emery has received news
that her father, John Bryant, a veter-
an at Togus, has suffered a paralytic
stroke which has disabled one side.

Among those who will attend State
Grange at Lewiston are: Mr. and Mrs.
Adney B. Tuell, Mrs. Mary Stetson and
Freeman L. Wyman.

Alphonso Brown is very ill with pneu-
monia at the home of his wife's par-
ents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Verrill.

The Advent meeting house on the
road leading from Trap Corner to South
Woodstock was recently destroyed by
fire.

Mrs. S. B. Dunham, who has been
visiting in Norway, has returned to Ed-
win J. Mann's.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Mann were in
Lewiston, Tuesday.

James Lapham died from a paralytic
stroke at Canaan, Vt., last week. He
had been working in the woods at Pitts-
burg, N. H., and not feeling well start-
ed for home but was stricken with pa-
ralysis while buying a ticket at the
Vermont station. He was taken to a
hotel and died the next day. The re-
mains were brought to his brother's at
Milton Plantation where the funeral
services were held. He is survived by
a daughter, Mrs. Olive Estes. Mr. Lap-
ham was a very industrious man. Hav-
ing worked most of his life for Lewis
J. Mann & Son, sometimes at West
Paris, Bryant's Pond or Milton Plan-
tation according to conditions.

A union Christmas tree will be held
as usual this year. The Methodist church
will take the lead, it being their turn,
as the Baptist, Universalist and Meth-
odist alternate in taking lead in the
union service.

Found in the Arrostook potato crop
has declined to almost nothing. Undoubt-
edly some of this decline is of a tem-
porary nature and due to climatic con-
ditions of individual seasons, but there
is reason to believe that the decrease in
the amount of powdery scab produced
in the infected areas may be made per-
manent to a greater or less extent, if
present methods are followed and im-
proved upon.

Much greater care is now being tak-
en than ever before to select sound,
healthy potatoes for planting, and dis-
infection to prevent the introduction of
disease by means of the seed tubers is
more generally practiced than in the
past. It has been shown that, even in
Northern Maine, severe outbreaks of
powdery scab are restricted to the wet,
poorly drained soils of a definite type
and that the disease is seldom of much
consequence on the best types of pota-
toe land. The fact that potato growers
in the infected districts have learned to
recognize what types of soil to avoid is
without doubt an important factor in
reducing the amount of disease in the
crop.

In a later number of this series will
be given the details of a greenhouse ex-
periment which confirms, under control
conditions, the conclusions deduced
from the more general field observations
relative to the effects of variations in
soil temperature and moisture upon the
development of the disease.

Chas. D. Woods, Director.

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Large stable and lot on Greenleaf Ave., in good condition, well built of heavy timber. Suitable for a garage, auto and horse livery or for manufacturing.

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ma E. Hobbs.

THE CURTAIN FRONT POULTRY HOUSE.

By G. E. Conkey.

With the coming of cold weather and
its effects on laying because of the ex-
tra energy birds require to keep their
bodies heat, every poultryman turns his
thoughts to the type of house that will
best keep his birds warm and allow
them to put some of their energy into
egg production.

Where any attempt is made to house
birds in an up-to-date manner, some
form of the curtain-front house is used
more than any other, because it is an
arrangement that may be applied to al-
most any kind of house. If constructed
along the right lines, it supplies the birds
with plenty of fresh air at all
times, yet eliminates the danger of
drafts.

Unlike the fresh air type, the curtain
front house is not a foolproof house,
for the ventilating openings must be
adjusted to meet the varying weather
conditions, and the house therefore re-
quires more or less constant attention.
It often happens that these houses are
poorly handled through ignorance, neg-
lect, or because the owner is not at
ways present when changes should be
made.

WAR NEWS DIGEST

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, from Washington, D. C.

Some Answers by Draft Registrars Not Open to Public.

Answers to registrants on the selective draft questionnaires relating to health and answers under the head "dependency," with the exception of the names and addresses of persons claimed to be dependent, will not be open to inspection by the public without the consent of the registrant.

Impressment for not to exceed one year will be the penalty imposed on anyone connected with the administration of the selective draft law who shall make this information public.

United States Now Imports Argentine Cheese; Exports Have Greatly Increased.

In August of this year exactly 99 pounds of Argentine cheese were imported by the United States, coming from Italy. During 1914, before the war, 34,000 tons were bought in Europe. Argentina has turned to cheese making on a large scale, and is now placing large quantities in the United States, although more cheese is now being exported than imported. In September, 1,000 tons were sold abroad, being distributed in 20 countries.

War's Demand for Men With Scientific Training Will Steadily Increase.

Secretary of War Newton D. Baker urges men in scientific institutions to continue their training.

"The Government service will demand more and more scientifically trained men," said he. "And I hope those who are in charge of scientific institutions will impress upon the young men the importance of continuing their studies, except to the extent that they are necessarily interrupted by a mandatory call under the provisions of the selective service law."

Every effort will be made to see each student's special training in connection with specialized occupation in the army, to afford technical students liable to call as great an opportunity through the National Army as if they had enlisted.

Notes for Illumination of Electric Signs Apply Throughout Nation.

Orders governing the use of electric signs, made by the Fuel Administration to assist in conserving fuel, apply to the entire country—villages and small cities as well as the larger centers. Among these instructions are: Directional signs on retail stores may be illuminated from one-half hour after sunset until closing time, but not later than 11 p. m.; such signs on theaters may be illuminated from one-half hour after time of commencement of last performance. Display advertising signs on theaters and retail stores may only operate between 7:15 and 11 p. m.

Reforestation of the orders is in the hands of State fuel administrators.

Unexpected Efficiency in Conservation of Food Puts Camp Contractors.

In some Army and National guard camps contractors who undertook to dispose of garbage at a price based on the amount they expected to get are threatening to throw up their contracts because the amount is so small.

The Surgeon General's Office and the Quartermaster's Department are co-operating to secure the best utilization of soldiers with the least waste. Officers of the food division give instruction in food values, balancing of menus, and methods of cooking and serving. At one camp a conference of this sort was attended by 700 cooks, mess sergeants, and mess officers.

The allowances provided by the Army regulations is liberal and permits of considerable savings. These allowances are to the credit of the organization if there is careful management.

Military of Belgium Plans Food Sale.

In Liege Belgium the population is "somewhere in Belgium" which the Germans have been unable to suppress, thus forcing its own location.

"The military establishment being on a scale of economy, it is not surprising that the food supply is not abundant," it says. "We have suggested the sale of foodstuffs and advice our readers to save their money for better times."

Secretary of Agriculture in June Plans for Importation of Turkey Cattle.

To increase the meat supply of the country here have been lowered for the importation of cattle from the thick forested District and South American countries.

Such animals must be slaughtered immediately at ports of entry. For the protection of domestic cattle and to make sure that only wholesome meat shall be produced from this source, regulations governing the importation are very strict.

A report from the Secretary of Agriculture is required for each consignment of cattle offered for importation.

20,000 Graduate Nurses Will be Required in Army Hospitals.

With a continuance of the war, in the next year at least 20,000 nurses will be needed in Army hospitals at home and abroad. Of the 80,000 graduate nurses of the country only 3,500 have so far been assigned to duty in Army service, and of this number 1,500 are in France.

An Army nurse must be a graduate of a training school for nurses and must have served for two years in a hospital. They are assigned to duty in the United States or abroad, and preferences are granted when conditions permit. Nurses who prefer not to have service abroad will have their preferences respected.

Decrease in Demand for Manufactured Articles Releases Labor for War Work.

Weavers laid off by carpet factories because the war has caused a sharp decline in the purchase of floor coverings are demanded by woolen and cotton-duck factories because war orders have increased their business. Factories making gears and other articles for pleasure automobiles are laying off help, while makers of trucks and service cars are calling for more labor.

Other industries suffering losses in commercial business which result in freeing a large part of their working force for war work are manufacturers of guns, gloves, fancy sweaters, brooms and brushes, typewriters, and high-grade woodwork.

Extracts from Diaries of German Soldiers in New War Publication.

The 24-page booklet "German War Diaries" published by the Committee on Public Information, devotes one section to extracts from German war diaries, among them being the following:

"A shell burst near the Eleventh Company, and wounded seven men, three very severely. At 5 o'clock we were ordered by the officer in command of the regiment to shoot all the male inhabitants of Nomeny, because the population was foolishly attempting to stay the advance of the German troops by force of arms. We broke into the houses, and seized all who related, in order to execute them according to martial law. The houses which had not been already destroyed by the French artillery and our own were set on fire by us, so that nearly the whole town was reduced to ashes. It is a terrible sight when helpless women and children, utterly destitute, are herded together and driven into France." (From the diary of Pvt. Fischer, Eighth Bavarian Regiment of Infantry, Thirty-third Reserve Division.)

Copies of this booklet may be secured free of charge by application to the Committee on Public Information, 16 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C.

Post Exchange Furnish Little Luxuries Which Make Camp Life Pleasant.

Men at the front exchange for money at the post exchanges for luxuries which they would have to pay in their home-town stores. And the post exchange manager in authority for the statement that 40,000 men make a tremendous demand for small packages of candy. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon there is a general rush for apples, sweet crackers, and coffee or milk, despite the fact that big dinners will be ready a couple of hours later.

The problem of supplying the men in Army camps with small necessities and luxuries which the Government does not furnish is met by the Committee on Training Camp Activities through these post exchanges. They are to be found at each camp, and there being as a rule one exchange for each regiment. Each carries an average of \$10,000 worth of goods.

Postmen are nearly all done on a credit basis. Men obtain books of 5 and 10 cent coupons and pay for them at the end of the month. Post exchanges average \$1,000 a day in sales, and at there are about 300 in operation, the yearly business will aggregate many millions of dollars.

Gymnastics and Workshops Included in Plans for Care of Injured Soldiers.

Plans for caring for members of the expeditionary forces who may be returned from Europe until for further service include, beside the necessary surgical and medical attention, instruction in the use of tapered and artificial limbs, and vocational training. The experience of Canada and European allies in this work has been of great value to the United States Government in arranging its plans.

Equipment for heat treatments and electric and hydro therapy will be provided; gymnastics will furnish opportunity for special exercises for rehabilitation in the use of joints, muscles, and nerves which have been affected in service; in creative workshops the men will perform useful work which at the same time will bring them partly into activity.

The plan will be to return every man who is able to be self-sustaining and useful, and not dependent on the Government for his support.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Newry, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Newry, aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 28th day of June, 1917, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Orange Hall in said Newry, on the first Monday in February, 1918, at nine o'clock A. M.

| Name of Owner | Description of Property | Amt. tax | Charges |
|-------------------------------|---|----------|---------|
| Brown, Wm. F. M. & Sons, Inc. | 120 acres in Lot 7, Range 10, | \$48.18 | \$2.00 |
| Stearns, Eli F. | 320 acres wild land, | 22.40 | 2.00 |
| | 100 acres in Lot 5, Range 16, Hall Lot, | 11.20 | 2.00 |
| | 75 acres west of Bear River, | 8.40 | 2.00 |
| | 100 acres in Lot 4, Range 6, | 11.20 | 2.00 |
| | 15 acres lot, | 1.68 | 2.00 |
| | 100 acres in Lot 4, Range 5, | 11.20 | 2.00 |
| | 100 acres in Lot 6, Range 16, Grover Lot, | 11.20 | 2.00 |
| | 100 acres in Lot 4, Range 4, | 11.20 | 2.00 |
| | 100 acres in Lot 3, Range 5, | 11.20 | 2.00 |
| | The James Swan Farm, | 15.68 | 2.00 |
| | The Rufus Stearns Farm, | 22.40 | 2.00 |

December 18, 1917.

W. H. POWERS,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Newry.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Mason, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Mason, aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 12th day of June, 1917, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1918, at nine o'clock A. M.

| Name of Owner | Description of Property | Amt. tax | Charges |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Frank Farrell Estate, | 10 acres in Lot 1, Range 6, | \$1.36 | \$2.00 |
| Herman Mason, | 100 acres in Lot 9, Range C, | 6.10 | 2.00 |
| | 100 acres in Lot 10, Range C, | 6.10 | 2.00 |
| Art Mason, | 50 acres in Lot 8, Range G, | 4.55 | 2.00 |
| N. Mills Estate, | 50 acres in Lot 1, Range 6, | .91 | 2.00 |
| | 35 acres in Lot 1, Range 1, | 3.64 | 2.00 |
| | 65 acres in Lot 4, Range 1, | 7.28 | 2.00 |

December 18, 1917.

D. W. CURRING,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Mason.

the Government.

Other Organizations Cooperate With Y. M. C. A. in Work for Troops.

While the Young Men's Christian Association is the largest body doing welfare work among the United States troops, other organizations are co-operating. The Knights of Columbus, a fraternal organization in charge of the Roman Catholics, has put up, and is putting up, club-houses equipped with desks, rooms, benches, phonographs, player-pianos, moving-picture apparatus, and other facilities for entertainment. Sixty-five halls are now in operation, open to men of all denominations.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association has made arrangements for headquarters in Young Men's Christian Association buildings. There is not a sufficient number of Hebrews in any one brigade to justify the building of a hall by this organization.

The American Library Association has raised a fund of over \$1,000,000, and is erecting special library buildings in the camps.

"Godmothering" of soldiers and sailors is not officially sanctioned. No postmaster's pay will be increased during the war, according to an order by the Postmaster General.

The Red Cross has asked for pumps to be used in France, to take the place of those destroyed by retreating Germans.

Many officers of the Marine Corps and the Navy are members of a class receiving instruction at Washington, D. C., in defense against the use of gas.

The women's committee of the Council of National Defense has arranged to furnish a badge to every woman who registers to work in cooperation with the committee.

In five years the portion of the world's gold monetary stock (coins and bullion) held by the United States has increased from one-fifth to more than one-third.

The retail price of milk in England has been advanced from 14 to 15 cents a quart. The sale and use of cream has been prohibited, except for infants, infants, and for butter making.

Work of the women's committee of the Council of National Defense has already been started in Porto Rico, and plans now made include its introduction into every Territory of the United States.

A nation-wide campaign for economy in the use of coal in steam plants has been undertaken by the Fuel Administration. The Bureau of Mines is conducting the campaign, with the help of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

At a children's hospital recently established by the American Red Cross in France, an average of 100 boys and girls are being examined each day. In connection is a dental dispensary in which the patients are treated.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of May, 1917, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odson Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1918, at nine o'clock A. M.

| Name of Owner | Description of Property | Amt. tax | Charges |
|---------------------------------|--|----------|---------|
| George E. Brooks, | Homestead Farm, | \$1.76 | \$1.00 |
| Charles P. Day, | Homestead Farm, | 16.45 | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Mary Darling, | Homestead, | 3.53 | 1.00 |
| Daniel C. Estes, | Homestead Farm, | 17.63 | 1.00 |
| Moses Grover, | Homestead Farm, | 10.58 | 1.00 |
| James S. Hutchins, | Homestead, Church Street, | 29.38 | 1.00 |
| | Store, | 12.93 | 1.00 |
| Walker Meadow, | | 3.52 | 1.00 |
| Homestead at East Bethel, | | 9.40 | 1.00 |
| Benj. Hutchins, | Homestead Farm, | 11.75 | 1.00 |
| John Holt Land, 1-2 of Lot 6-9, | | 4.70 | 1.00 |
| G. B. Mills, | Homestead Farm, | 21.15 | 1.00 |
| | Steam Mill, | 11.75 | 1.00 |
| Heirs of Joel P. Swett, | E. J. Bell Hall, West Bethel, | 15.28 | 1.00 |
| Halp J. Sawyer, | Homestead, Main Street, | 37.60 | 1.00 |
| Clarence A. Tyler, | Land between Farwell road and Goodnow, | 1.76 | 1.00 |
| Ered C. Verrill, | Homestead Farm, | 28.20 | 1.00 |
| Nelson L. Wilbur, | Homestead, West Bethel, | 4.70 | 1.00 |
| L. P. Winslow, | Part of C. C. Bean Homestead, | 3.53 | 1.00 |

December 19, 1917.

FRED B. HALL,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Bethel aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of May, 1917, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odson Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1918, at nine o'clock A. M.

| Name of Owner | Description of Property | Amt. tax | Charges |
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| Heirs of Mrs. Inez Allen, Stowell Homestead, | | \$23.50 | \$2.00 |
| George W. Day, | Lot 7-1-125, | 5.88 | 2.00 |
| Warren A. Emery, | Homestead Farm, | 141.00 | 2.00 |
| Bethel and Rumford, | The Dunham Lot, | 7.05 | 2.00 |

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COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in Bethel Village Corporation in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in Bethel Village Corporation in the Town of Bethel, aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection for said Corporation on the 24th day of May, 1917, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Odson Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1918, at nine o'clock A. M.

| Name of Owner | Description of Property | Amt. tax | Charges |
|--|-------------------------|----------|---------|
| Heirs of Mrs. Inez Allen, Stowell Homestead, | | \$7.50 | \$2.00 |

December 19, 1917.

FRED B. HALL,
Collector of Taxes of the Bethel Village Corporation.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Andover, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Andover, aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 2nd day of June, 1917, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1918, at nine o'clock A. M.

| Name of Owner | Description of Property | Amt. tax | Charges |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|
| Ramsey Cole, | 1-3 Lot 1, Range 1, Kimball mill, | \$31.00 | \$2.00 |
| F. H. Lovejoy, | J. N. Hall Lot, Lot 2, Range 2, | 70.14 | 2.00 |
| H. L. Newhall, | Land known as Abner Lovejoy Farm, | 82.30 | 2.00 |
| Bert Hussey, | Stevens Land, South part of town, | 10.70 | 2.00 |

December 17, 1917.

A. L. LANG,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Andover.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.

Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Oilead, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1917.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Oilead, aforesaid, for the year 1917, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 29th day of May, 1917, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold without further notice at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1918, at nine o'clock A. M.

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| Twaddle, J. A., | The John Wright farm, so-called, land bounded on north by Riley Plantation and Public Highway, east by land of A. J. Baker, south by Androscoggin River, west by land of Dixie farm, so-called, and land of A. D. & Fred A. Wright, | \$47.29 | \$1.00 |

December 18, 1917.

A. D. WIGMORE,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Oilead.

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Events of Interest From Washington

By J. E. Jones

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

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A Dramatic Celebration.

By John D. Barry.

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This sensational announcement was only one of several sensations that marked an extraordinary afternoon when Dudley Field Malone came forward to make his address and to wait for silence he did not know that the agitation in the back of the theatre was caused by the determination of five hundred people outside to get into an auditorium already overcrowded. These five hundred people were somewhat mollified when one of the most brilliant of the speakers among the picketers went out to make a speech in the frosty air and to have the satisfaction of seeing President Wilson's past the crowd in a motor.

Malone made a very eloquent speech. He said many clever and interesting things. He was most effective when he pointed out that picketing was a method of agitation had helped immensely the victory for suffrage in New York. He appealed to the sympathies of the workers who so long and so desperately had clung to picketing in their own fight. Incidentally he made a reference to the controversy involving Sam Gompers over the organizing of postal employees. "I have even the tolerance to concede Post Master Burleson is right to be wrong, which he usually is."

Mr. Oliver H. P. Belmont read a paper relating the sufferings of the picketers in jail and prison on dramatic fashion that it seemed less like a reading than an impassioned spontaneous speech.

The most dramatic scene of the afternoon came when the picketers who had been in prison, about eighty, watched slowly down the aisle with their bare feet, young women and old women, short skirts and tall women, all with long hair, the most interesting thing I have seen in Washington since the war.

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